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# HANG TOGETHER

*"We must indeed all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately." – Benjamin Franklin*

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## A PRESENT MORAL CONSENSUS?

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**W**HAT IF THERE IS ALREADY A MORAL CONSENSUS ON CULTURAL, political, and economic matters, and we're just out of step? Last night socialism won, as did same-sex marriage, recreational marijuana, and tax increases.

Greg might say that the electorate did not know what they were doing, and for some that is certainly true. Google searches for who was running for president spiked in a huge way a few days before the election. If you have to ask Google who is running, well . . . .

But there are well-informed voters in the base of both parties. They know what they are trying to accomplish. And last night the socialism/same-sex marriage/recreational marijuana/tax increase crowd succeeded. Fair and square.

That is at least some evidence of a consensus, yes? And a growing one.

Romney attracted fewer votes last night than McCain in his spectacularly flat campaign.

Elections are about many things, and so cannot always identify with precision what consensus the results represent. But most people who voted last night agreed the economy was the single most important issue informing their decision for president. And because economic policy over the past four years has been almost exclusively socialist, it looks like we are agreed that socialism is the way to go.

The other issues were referenda. Thus, gay marriage, recreational drug use, and tax increases received the public's straight-up endorsement.

So, are we just cranks, or is there still room to debate these issues?

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## ORGANIZING COMPASSION

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**P**RAY — GOOD. ACT — BETTER. LEAD — BEST.

Matthew Spandler-Davison, over at the Gospel Coalition, has the story of how his small church is meeting the real physical needs of those in his downtown community. In gospel terms, I believe this is known as loving his neighbors.

He doesn't lack for visibility. And people instinctively know to ask the church for help. His biggest challenge? Resources:

Very quickly people started dropping into the office throughout the week to seek help, often struggling financially, facing eviction, or fighting to meet the needs of their children. More often than not I had to turn people away. We simply didn't have the resources, time, or capacity to respond to every need.

Well now, it seems to me there are no end of churches in America with a surfeit of resources. Maybe we could re-task some of the money earmarked for that new flat-panel, LED Jumbotron. The question really isn't whether we have the